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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Alain FORESTIERE et al. : Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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For: MATERIALS COMPRISING ORGANIC GROUPS CONTAINING  
SULPHUR AND PHOSPHOROUS BONDED TO A MINERAL OXIDE VIA  
OXYGEN ATOMSPRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

--12. Materials according to claim 1, in which M and M' represent an element from groups IB, IIB, IIIB, IVB, VB, VIB, VIIB, VIII, IIIA, IVA, the lanthanides or the actinides of the periodic table.

13. Materials according to claim 1, in which M and M' are selected from elements from the group consisting of titanium, zirconium, iron, aluminium, silicon and tin.

14. Materials according to claim 1, in which M and M' are selected from elements from the group consisting of by titanium, zirconium and aluminium.

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